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**VITAL STATISTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VSAC)  
VITAL RECORDS PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VRPAC)  
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, May 8, 2013  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
1616 Capitol Avenue, Sixth Floor  
Toulumne Room 74.653

**AGENDA**

- A. Welcome
- B. Introductions and Announcements
- C. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- D. State Registrar's Response to VSAC Recommendations—Attachment 1
- E. New Business—Attachment 2
- F. Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Vital Statistics Unit—Attachment 3
- G. Public Comment
- H. Agenda Items for Future Meetings
- I. Adjournment

**ATTACHMENT 1—  
STATE REGISTRAR RESPONSE TO VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following projects were reviewed by the Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC) on March 13, 2013. The VSAC's recommendation and the State Registrar's actions are recorded below.

1. Project Title: Out-of-Hospital Sudden Cardiac Death Records Review  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Benjamin Colburn, Electrophysiology Services, University of California San Francisco  
Data Requested: Custom death dataset 2007 thru 2013 – select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation at the January 9, 2013 meeting was to hold for further review, following CPHS review (see Attachment 1 and minutes from the January 9, 2013 meeting).  
VSAC Recommendation: Obtain clarification from requestor on who would be providing the data.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
2. Title: Follow-Up of Infants Born to Pregnant Women with Confirmed or Probable 2009 H1N1 Influenza with Symptom Onset from April 1 through December 31, 2009  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Principal Investigator: Meileen Acosta, MPH, Epidemiologist, Solano County Health and Social Services  
Data Requested: Birth Statistical Master 2010, select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
3. Project Title: Investigations of Language Learning and Social Cognition in Infants and Children  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Michael C. Frank, PhD, Stanford University Language and Cognition Lab



Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2011 – select variables with personal identifiers

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

State Registrar's Action: Adopted

4. Project Title: Development of Statewide Perinatal Quality Improvement Metrics with OSHPD PDD/Birth Certificate Linked Data  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol  
Principal Investigator: Jeffrey Gould, MD, MPH, Stanford University, California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative (CPQCC)  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2010 – select variables with personal identifiers – linked with OSHPD PDD  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
5. Project Title: Molecular Markers of Preterm Birth – Maternal and Infant Genetic Contributions to Preterm Birth: the Inflammatory Response  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol  
Principal Investigator: Martin Kharrazi, PhD, CDPH Genetic Disease Screening Program  
Data Requested: No new data requested at this time; requesting to share geocoded data with University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), a collaborator on the study  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
6. Project Title: Effect of Agricultural Pesticides on Adverse Birth Outcomes  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Ashley E. Larsen, PhD Candidate, University of California Santa Barbara  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 1997 thru 2011 – select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

7. Project Title: OPTN Deceased Donor Potential Study (DDPS)  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol  
Principal Investigator: Karl J. McCleary, PhD, MPH, United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)  
Data Requested: Death statistical master 2010 – select variables with personal identifiers including mother's maiden name  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
8. Project Title: Gestational Diabetes in Asian Americans: Predictors, Problems, and Progression  
Status: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Latha Palaniappan, MD, MS, Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2007 thru 2011 – select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
9. Project Title: Longitudinal Study of Hospital Outcomes for California Children  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol – additional data requested  
Principal Investigator: Linda L. Remy, PhD, UCSF Family Health Outcomes Project (FHOP)  
Data Requested: Birth statistical master 2010–2011 – select variables with personal identifiers  
VSAC Recommendation: Requestor will be contacted to get clarification on the database and number of projects. The project will be reviewed once we get the issues resolved.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
  
10. Project Title: Persistent Organic Pollutants and Breast Cancer Risk: Chemicals Old and New  
Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol  
Principal Investigator: Peggy Reynolds, PhD, Senior Research Scientist, Cancer Prevention Institute of California (CPIC)

Data Requested: No new data requested at this time

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

State Registrar's Action: Adopted

11. Project Title: Stanford Translational Research Integrated Database Environment (STRIDE)

Status: New Project

Principal Investigator: Susan Weber, PhD, Director, Informatics Systems Development, Stanford Center for Clinical Informatics

Data Requested: Death statistical master 1999–2010 – select variables with personal identifiers including SSN & mother's maiden name

VSAC Recommendation: The Committee agreed to seek clarification with the State Registrar regarding State statute and allowing them to reuse data and create a product they would release. In addition, clarification was need on the destruction of the data.

State Registrar's Action: Adopted

12. Project Title: California Late Impact of Phototherapy Study (CLIPS)

Status: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol

Principal Investigator: Andrea Wickremasinghe, MD, University of California San Francisco

Data Requested: Birth statistical master 1998–2004 – select variables with personal identifiers – linked with OSHPD patient discharge data (PDD)

VSAC Recommendation: Approved

State Registrar's Action: Adopted



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HEALTH INFORMATION AND RESEARCH SECTION (HIRS)**

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**ATTACHMENT 2—NEW BUSINESS**

The following project was reviewed at the March 13<sup>th</sup> VSAC meeting and committee members sought additional information before approving recommendation of the protocols:

1. Project Title: Longitudinal Study of Hospital Outcomes for California Children  
Principal Investigator: Linda Remy, PhD, UCSF Family Health Outcomes Project (FHOP)  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2010 – 2011 Birth Statistical Master File with personal identifiers  
2010-2011 Fetal Death Statistical Master File with personal identifiers

The following projects were reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section and require VSAC review and recommendation.

1. Project Title: Study of Social Development in Toddler Twins  
Principal Investigator: Theodore Jacob, PhD, Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2012 Birth Records with personal identifiers, 2012 Infant Death Records with personal identifiers
  2. Title: Short Inter-pregnancy Intervals and Risk of Autism Spectrum Disorders  
Project Type: New Research Project  
Principal Investigator: Lisa Croen, Kaiser Permanente  
Project Type: New Research Project  
Data Requested: 2000-2009 Birth Cohort File with personal identifiers, 2000-2009 Birth Statistical Master File with personal identifiers
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3. Project Title: Advanced Illness Management Pilot Program: Cost and Utilization of Care Among AIM Enrollees and Controls  
Project Type: New Research Project  
Principal Investigator: Sara Robinson, Sutter Health  
Data Requested: 2009-2012 Death Statistical Master File
4. Project Title: Prenatal and Neonatal Biologic Markers for Autism  
Project Type: New Research Project  
Principal Investigator: Gayle C. Windham, PhD, CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch  
Data Requested: 2000-2003 Birth Statistical Master File with personal identifiers, 2000-2003 Birth Cohort with Personal Identifiers
5. Project Title: Linkage of Medi-Cal Administrative Data to California Birth Cohort File  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol – additional data requested  
Principal Investigator: Aldona Herrndorf, MPH, Department of Health Care Services, Research and Analytics Branch  
Data Requested: 2007-2010 Birth Cohort Files with personal identifiers
6. Project Title: Linkage of Medi-Cal Administrative Data to the Death Statistical Master File  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol – additional data requested  
Principal Investigator: Aldona Herrndorf, MPH, Department of Health Care Services, Research and Analytics Branch  
Data Requested: 2007-2010 Birth Cohort Files with personal identifiers
7. Project Title: Effects of Increased Economic Resources on Weight-Related Health  
Project Type: New Research Project  
Principal Investigator: Jessica Jones-Smith, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
Data Requested: 1987-2011 Birth Statistical Master File, Address Only
8. Persistent Organic Pollutants and Breast Cancer Risk: Chemical Old and New  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to Protocol – additional data requested  
Principal Investigator: Peggy Reynolds, PhD, Cancer Prevention Institute of California  
Data Requested: Street Address, City, State and Zip Code of approximately 2,800 records from 1980-1995.

9. Los Angeles Health Overview of a Pregnancy Event (LAHOPE)  
Project Type: Continuing Project not previously reviewed by VSAC— additional data requested  
Principal Investigator: Shin Margaret Chao, MPH, PhD, Los Angeles County  
Department of Public Health  
Data Requested: YTD Birth Provisional Data
10. Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) Project  
Project Type: Continuing Project not previously reviewed by VSAC— additional data requested  
Principal Investigator: Shin Margaret Chao, MPH, PhD, Los Angeles County  
Department of Public Health  
Data Requested: YTD Birth Provisional Data
11. Suicide Mortality and Veteran Status  
Project Type: New Project  
Principal Investigator: Robert M. Bossarte, PhD., Department of Veterans' Affairs,  
Center for Excellence for Suicide Prevention, Canandaigua VA Medical Center  
Data Requested: 1999 – 2009 Death Statistical Master File



**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 3—  
RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND  
RESEARCH SECTION**

**County Data Requests**

1. Contra Costa Health Services Department: 2011 Birth
2. Alameda County Public Health Department: 2000-2009 Multiple Cause of Death
3. Los Angeles County Department of Health Services: 2009 Birth Cohort
4. Riverside Public Health: 2011 Birth; 2011 Death

**Birth Data Requests**

1. Stanford University Language Lab: 2011 Birth; 2011 Death
2. UC Santa Barbara: 1997 Birth
3. University of San Francisco: 2013 Birth
4. University of California Davis: 2013 Birth; 2013 Infant Death Records; 2013 Special Run; 2013 Special Request
5. California Emerging Infections Program: 2011-2012 Birth; 2011 Death; 2012 Infant Death Records; 2010 Multiple Cause of Death
6. California Emerging Infections Program: 2012 Birth; 2012 Death
7. RAND CA Statistics: 2011 Birth
8. Cancer Surveillance Section: 2008 Birth; 2011 Birth; 2011 Death
9. Healthy City – Advancement Project: 2010 Death; 2011 BSMF

**Death Data Requests**

1. Election Integrity Project: 2010 Death Index
2. Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Health Information: 1999 Death
3. Kaiser Foundation Research Institute: 2010 Multiple Cause of Death

**CDPH Program Requests**

1. CDPH-- Environmental Health Investigations Branch: 2011- Birth Cohort
2. CDPH--Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health: 2011 Death; 2010 Birth Cohort:  
2005-2009 Fetal
3. CHPH -- Office of Health Equity: 2001 Non Public Patient Discharge Data; 2010-  
2011 Non Public Emergency Department Data; 2010-2011 Non Public Ambulatory  
Surgery Center Data; 2005 -2006 Patient Discharge Data linked to Birth Cohort;  
2006 Linked Patient Data/Emergency Department/Ambulatory Surgery/Birth Cohort
4. CDPH -- Infant Botulism Treatment & Prevention Program: 2011 Death